

MAHATHIR, - CABINET 3 KUALA LUMPUR

THE NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS ARE HAJI ABDUL RAHIM BAKAR (ENERGY, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS), MEGAT JUNID MEGAT AYOR (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES), PROF. MOHAMED YUSOF NOR (PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), AND HAJI YAHAYA LAMPONG (NATIONAL AND RURAL, DEVELOPMENT):

HAJI ABDUL RAHIM IS FORMERLY MARA CHAIRMAN, MEGAT JUNID THE PRIME MINISTER'S POLITICAL SECRETARY, PROF. MOHAMAD YUSOF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA WHILE HAJI YAHAYA IS THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR USUKANIN SABAH.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY, ENCIK ZAINAL ABIDIN ZIN, IS APPOINTED DEPUTY WORKS MINISTER. HIS PLACE IN THE MINISTRY IS TAKEN BY HAJI DASUKIAHMAD, THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TUMPAT.

THE MINISTERS INVOLVED IN PORTFOLIO TRANSFERS ARE TENGKUAHMAD RITHAUDDEEN (FROM TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS), DATUK SERI MOHAMED ADIB ADAM (FROM INFORMATION TO LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT), DATUK RAIS YATIM (FROM LAND-AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO INFORMATION), DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD (FROM EDUCATION TO CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS), AND ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM (FROM CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS TO AGRICULTURE).

THE DEPUTY MINISTERS INVOLVED ARE ENCIK RADZI SHEIKHAHMAD (FROM PM'S DEPARTMENT TO HOME AFFAIRS), DATUK DR TANTIONG HONG (FROM EDUCATION TO FINANCE), HAJAH RAHMAH OSMAN (FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSPORT), HAJI BUJANG ULIS (FROM PRIMARY INDUSTRIES TO EDUCATION), ENCIK MOHAHAD KASSIM AHMAD (FROM HOME AFFAIRS TO INFORMATION), AND DATIN PADWKA ROSEMARY CHONG (FROM CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS TO EDUCATION). --MORE

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ENCIK MUSTAPHA MOHAMAD, THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTRY, SWOP PLACES WITH HAJIAWANG JABAR, THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE PM'S DEPARTMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, DID NOT FILL THE POST OF DEPUTY CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER VACATED BY DATIN PADUKA ROSEMARY CHONG.

HE SAID THE NEW LINE-UP WOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM TUESDAY WHEN THE NEW MINISTERS TOOK THEIR OATH BEFORE THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG GAVE HIS CONCURRENCE TO THE NEW LINE-UP IN AN AUDIENCE GIVEN BY HIS MAJESTY ON THURSDAY IN KUALA TERENGGANU WHERE THEY ATTENDED THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DROPPING OF THE MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS FROM THE CABINET WAS IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR OWN WISHES AS THEY HAD SUBMITTED LETTERS RESIGNING FROM THEIR POST. --MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT ENCIK DAIM'S APPOINTMENT WAS NOT SETTING A TREND TO APPOINT A BUSINESSMAN AS THE FINANCE MINISTER IN THE FUTURE.

IT SO HAPPENED THAT ENCIK DAIM WAS A BUSINESSMAN AND HE WAS CHOSEN FOR HIS SUITABILITY.

TENGGU RAZALEIGH WAS SIMILARLY A BUSINESSMAN BEFORE HE JOINED THE CABINET.

ASKED WHY THE WELFARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO IS GIVEN TO A MAN AND NOT A WANITA UMNO CANDIDATE AS WAS THE PRACTICE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT THE PORTFOLIO NEED NOT ALWAYS BE HELD BY A WOMAN AS IT HAD AT ONE TIME IN THE PAST BEEN HELD BY A MAN.

ON THE DEPUTY MINISTER POSTS VACATED BY TWO MCA CANDIDATES, HE SAID THE POSTS WOULD BE FILLED AT A SUITABLE TIME.

THE MCA, HE SAID, WISHED TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLEMS FIRST. --MORE
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HE WAS CONFIDENT THE MCA PARTY CRISIS WOULD BE OVERCOME ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT TAKE TIME.

HE SAID THE NEW CABINET LINE-UP WAS NOT SOLELY AN INDIVIDUAL DECISION AS HE HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS OF CERTAIN PEOPLE.

+ I DO NOT REGARD A CABINET RESHUFFLE AS A GAME AND EVERY CHANGE MADE IS PURELY OUT OF NECESSITY, + HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH LASTED NEARLY TWO HOURS WERE DAJUK MUSA HITAM AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT, TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMAD. --BERNAMA

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